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DHS ARRESTS DRUG SWALLOWER AT SAN JUAN AIRPORT

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—A 22-year-old who ingested 67 pellets of heroin in a smuggling attempt at Luis Munoz Marin International Airport was arrested here Friday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents acting on a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) lead.

Henry Berroa-Matos is a citizen of the Dominican Republic and a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) of the United States. He arrived in San Juan from the Dominican Republic. CBP inspectors conducting routine inspections noticed Berroa-Matos' suspicious demeanor and referred him to a secondary inspection for a more in-depth screening. Berroa-Matos openly admitted to having swallowed heroin in an effort to smuggle the drugs into the country.

"It is very sad to see to what lengths drug smugglers will go to evade detection," said Leo I. Morales, ICE's special agent-in-charge in Puerto Rico. "Smugglers seeking to bring their drugs into our community must think twice. You will be found, and arrested."

Berroa-Matos is in Marshals custody at the Metropolitan Detention Center awaiting the outcome of his case. The U.S. Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico has accepted this case for prosecution. Berroa-Matos is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The ICE investigation into this case is ongoing.

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